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AMEMBASSY CARACAS

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SUBJECT: CHILE: ONWARD TRAVEL OF EXPELLEE JAIME CASTILLO

REF: SANTIAGO 7763

1. DURING A DINNER AUGUST 10, CHILEAN EX-PRESIDENT EDUARDO FREI TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT FATE OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC (PDC) LAWYER AND IDEOLOGUE JAIME CASTILLO, WHO WAS SUMMARILY EXPELLED FROM CHILE AUGUST 6.
 2. FREI SAID THAT CASTILLO HAD BEEN INJURED WHEN HE WAS ARRESTED BY SECURITY AUTHORITIES AND APPEARED TO HAVE MEDICAL PROBLEMS. CASTILLO WOULD REMAIN IN VENEZUELA UNTIL ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE WORKED OUT FOR A MORE PERMANENT PLACE OF RESIDENCE, FREI SAID.
 3. FREI THEN ASKED AMBASSADOR IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR CASTILLO TO GO TO THE UNITED STATES, AS HE UNDERSTOOD EUGENIO VELASCO WAS DOING. FREI SAID HE THOUGHT U.S. WOULD BE EXCELLENT LOCATION FOR CASTILLO TO CONTINUE HIS WRITING AND LEGAL ACTIVITIES.
 4. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT VELASCO HAD RECEIVED AN OFFER OF A TEACHING POST AT UCLA, AND THAT UNLIKE CASTILLO HE SPOKE
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ENGLISH. AMBASSADOR FURTHER STATED THAT WHILE HE COULD OFFER

NO GUARANTEES OF ANY KIND, IF A UNIVERSITY OR FOUNDATION WERE INTERESTED IN PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR CASTILLO TO WORK, THIS WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE HELPFUL IN OBTAINING A VISA. FREI SAID HE WOULD GET A MESSAGE TO CASTILLO ALONG THESE LINES AND ASKED THAT EMBASSY CARACAS DO WHAT IT COULD TO HELP HIM AT APPROPRIATE MOMENT.

5. WE HOPE THAT IF CASTILLO FOLLOWS THROUGH, DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY WILL BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, CASTILLO IS ADMISSIBLE, AND HE IS CERTAINLY A VICTIM OF POLITICAL PERSECUTION.
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